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## Public Utility Commission of Texas

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**PROJECT NO.** 49827-50595

**AFFECTED ENTITY:** Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.

#### General Information

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#### Instructions

Answer all questions, fill-in all blanks, and have the report notarized in the Affidavit.

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#### Filing Instructions

Submit four copies (an original and three copies) of the completed form and signed and notarized Affidavit to:

Central Records Filing Clerk  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326  
Telephone: (512) 936-7180

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The hazard recognition portion of the training included the following learning objectives:

- 1) Review of various categories of electrical hazards;
- 2) Review of hazard situations related to improper vertical clearances on overhead distribution lines;
- 3) Review of photographs of real-world hazardous and code violation situations;
- 4) An interactive session to identify and discuss the severity (potential risks) of the hazard and how to eliminate the hazard and / or report the hazard.
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- 2. Provide a summary description of training programs you provide your employees related to the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines.**

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) contracted with Schneider Engineering, Ltd. to provide NESC Code review for construction of electric distribution lines training as part of an overall HB4150 compliance training session. The training documentation included a Microsoft Power Point presentation, a video version of the training and attendance tracking.

The NESC Code review portion of the training included the following learning objectives:

- 1) A review of the NESC and a discussion regarding the importance of the codes for electric distribution utilities.
- 2) The overall requirements of NESC codes and rules for the electric utility industry and how the NESC benefits utilities and the public;
- 3) A review of the most common code violations for electric distribution utilities;
- 4) A detailed review of construction standards and requirements focused on overhead vertical clearances and lake crossing clearances;
- 5) A NESC/NEC "Find the Violation" Exercise (interactive with operations personnel);
- 6) A summary of NESC code requirements related to the construction of overhead distribution lines and the obligation the utility has to construct and maintain clearances to the NESC code.

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## AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

Signature

Rogelio Andrade

Printed Name

Chief Executive Officer

Job Title

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020  
Month Year

Notary Public in and For the State of Texas

My commission expires on March 7, 2022

